A GOOD MAN GONE

DEATH OF CONGRESSMAN B. W. TOWNSHEND.

He Expires at 11.50 this Morning at the Riggs House From an Attack of Paeumonia-The Funeral Arrangements Have Not Yet Been

Representative Richard W. Townshend died fifteen minutes before noon to-day in his room at the Riggs House,

Mr. Townshend was taken with a chill just a week ago this morning. He had been at a dinner party the evening before, and when he got up the following morning he complained of not feeling well. He dressed, though, and intended to go to his place in the House. Before he could start he suffered quite a severe chill and went to bed again. He soon developed symptoms of pneumonia, but his illness was not ought to be critical until two or three days ago. His brother, Dr. Smith Townshend, was in constant attendance on him, and Drs. Stanton and Young were in consulta-

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Yesterday his condition was so critical that his death was looked for at almost any time. All night long he lay in a comatose condition, rallying very slightly early this merning, only to sink again. The end came at 11:45 this morning. He remained inconscious until he died, not being conscious or suffering a moment's pain since yesterday. With him during the last days of his filness were his wife, who was constantly at his bedside, and his son and daughter, Arville and Madeline, and Mrs. Park's husband. They and the doctors and his brother formed the little group about the death bed in his room on the third floor of the Riggs House, in the southwestern corner of the building.

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The lobby of the hotel below was crowded last night and this morning with friends, who anxiously waited tidings from the sick room above. It was after 12 o'clock when word was sent down that he was dead, and the friends formed little knots about the lobby and talked of the dead Congressman. The funeral arrangements will be made by the Congressional Committee. His remains will be interred in the Congressional Cemetery, where his mother lies, in accord with his wishes. His illness was thought slight until a day or two ago, and it was not generally known that it was serious until yesterday. His son and daughter arrived early in the week, and were with him constantly.

Mr. Townshend was born in Prince George's County, Md., April 30, 1840. When he was 10 years of age he came to Washington, where he attended the public schools, and for a time was a page in the House of Representatives, where he was destined later to hold an honorable and important position as a member of Congress. In 1858 he went out to Illinois and laught school in Fayette County. He studied law with S. S. Marshall at McLeansburgh, and was admitted to the bar in 1893. He held various local court offices, and was Prosecuting Attorney of the Twelfth Illinois Judicial Circuit from 1808 to 1872. In 1873 he removed to Shawnestown and became an officer of the Gallatin National Bank. He was elected to the Forty-fifth Congress and has held his seat ever since, having just completed a service of twelve years, and was re-elected to the next Congress. Mr. Townshend was chairman of the House Committee on Military Appropriations for making guns and improving the coast defenses. His last fight in Congress was with the Appropriations Committee and modern torpedo guns for coast defenses, which the Appropriation bell several items for the purchase of pneumatic and modern torpedo guns for coast defenses, which the Appropriation bill several items for the purchase of pneumatic and modern tor

have stricken out.

Personally he was a great favorite among his colleagues, genial, sociable and a staunch friend to his friends. A week ago he was in his seat in the House, the picture of health. He was tall and well built, with a florid complexion and iron gray hair.

The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed yet.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

The following-named persons have received appointments under civil-service rules in the Treasury Department: Edgar Baum of Kentucky, to \$720, in the office of the Secretary, and Mrs. H. N. Mann of New Jersey, to a clerkship of class 1, in the office of the Register of the Treasury. The following promotions have been made: Samuel H. Goodman of Illinois, from a clerkship of class 4, to chief of division in the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; A. E. Middleton of the District of Columbia, from \$1 to \$4.50 per diem; John J. Little of Wisconsin, from \$5.50 to \$6 per diem; Otto G. Simonton of Connecticut, from \$4 to \$5 per diem, and C. G. Graham of Delaware, from \$4 to \$6 per diem. In the office of the Supervising Architect: Mrs. Maggie Cameron, from \$340 to \$900. In the Second Auditor's office: Miss Annie B. Grady of the District of Columbia, from \$7.50 to \$840; in the Sixth Auditor's office W. H. Benton, from \$740 to \$1,100, in the office of the Supervising Architect W. H. Benton, from \$740 to \$1,100, in the office of the Superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Other Clerical Changes. Mr. E. B. Brace of West Virginia was all. E. B. Brace of West Viginia was to-day appointed chief clork of th Bureau of Equipment and Recrutting, vic A. W. Fletcher, resigned. Mr. Brace habeen employed in the Department for several years and lately in the Bureau of Pro eral years and interly in the list the first ap-visions and Clothing. This is the first ap-pointment made by the Secretary.

Justus H. Rathbone, clerk of class three, Adjutant-General's Office, and Lewis D. Pace, \$1,000 clerk, Surgeon-General's Office,

John J. Heron of New York has been permanently appointed clerk class one, Office of the Rebellion Records.

Wisconsin, is an applicant for Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Yesterday his application, which is indorsed by nearly all of Congress, was presented to President Harrison. The President, it is said, replied that he could not appoint Mr. Guenther to this position, as he had made up his mind that if he appointed any one outside of the District it would be a certain colored elergyman of Indiana.

Equity Court—Justice Cox.—Wheatley vs. Loffler; certain liens declared valid, and sale in default of payment. Shelley vs. Shelley; testimony before C lugle, examiner, ordered taken. Johnson vs. Roth; sale continued and cause referred to auditor. McKee vs. Cochran; ordered on calendar of present term.

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Cincurt Court, Drv. 1—Chief Justice tingham—Lynbaum vs. Kirkwood; motion or judgment argued and submitted. Stone is, Washington Pour Publishing Company;

CRIMINAL COURT.—Justice Montgom-ry—Frank Harris, assault to kill; plea of gulity. Thomas Mackey, housebreaknot guilty. Thomas Mackey, housebreaking in night; plea not guilty. Edward Stewart, housebreaking; plea not guilty. Danfel C. Hart, housebreaking; plea not guilty. George W. Taylor, bigamy; plea not guilty. Sarah Hawkins, perjury; plea not guilty.

rison Administration can find a full list of the Government offices and salaries in the office at two cents per copy.

Departments and White Hous Not so Thronged To-day. There was a perceptible falling off in visitors at the Departments to-day, and, as one of the messengers remarked, it began-to look like old times. As usual, Mr. Blaine had the Hon's share of attention, and

the corridor in front of his office was comfortably filled with people desigous of paying their respects to the new Secretary.

At the White House the scene presented
was somewhat different from yesterday.
Instead of a great crowd on the outside
waiting an opportunity to shake the President's hand, the crowd this time was in the
East Room, while the President was upstairs receiving Senators and Members and
office seekers and preparing himself for today's Cabinet meeting.

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Among the President's callers were Senators Plumb, Teller, Wolcott, Sherman, Hampton, Manderson, Paddock, Allison, Hoar, Dawes and Higgins, ex-Senators Palmer and Sewell, Representatives Dingley, Caswell, Wickham, Finley, Thompson, Steele, Conger, Duboise, with Idaho delegation, Morse, Butterworth, McKinley, Wilson, Kentucky, and Farquhar, General Lougstreet, Judge Fisher and friends and Judge Bingham.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The First Auditor of the Treasury recently informed the Commissioners that no account had been received at his office from the Collector of Taxes showing the amount collected and accounted for by him on account for water rents and taxes from July 1, 1888, to December 31, 1889. Auditor Petty reported to the Commissioners that this was due to the fact that the Collector

this was due to the fact that the Collector sent his report directly to the Treasury instead of transmitting it through the Auditor's office.

The Commissioners, in a letter to the Collector in relation to the matter, state that the District Auditor is charged with the duty of keeping a record of the financial doings of the District Government, and all statements of receipts and expenditures by District officials shall pass through the Auditor's Office for comparison and note. He is directed to transmit such statements through this office.

The Sunday Bar Question. A CRITIC reporter asked Commissioner Webb if he had noticed the publication relative to the sale of liquor on Sunday, March 3, in which it was stated that the saloons were kept open in direct violation of the law. He said that he was not personally aware of any such state of affairs, and any and all barkeepers who were found selling on that day will be prosecuted for keeping Sunday bar.

A police lieutenant stated that the majority of bars on the Avenue were open, but the police could not possibly close them. The most they could do was to institute prosecutions for Sunday selling, which will be done.

South Washington Railroad Tracks. The South Washington railroad question is to be brought before the courts in a few days and the question of their right to occupy certain streets with their tracks on

cupy certain streets with their tracks on permits issued by the Commissioners will be legally determined. Messrs. Philip N. Dwyer and Charles Parker were at the District buildings to-day collecting information on the subject on which they propose to base an affidavit such as was suggested by Attorney Riddle.

The form of affidavit has been prepared by an attorney and only requires to be sworn to. They intended to swear to it to-day and make a test case out of the Bergner & Engel switch on Virginia avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets, but they changed their mind and will include about half a dozen switches and tracks, which they claim are illegally laid.

Miscellaneous Matters. Miscellaneous Matters.

Mr. S. C. Clark, one of East Washington's candidates for the position of Dis triet Commissioner, was at the District Buildings this morning. He said he was in the field and if he was appointed he would do his best to administer the affairs of the District to the satisfaction of the public,

Editor Shepard of the New York Mail nd Express gave a dinner at the Arlington ast night in honor of New York's repre sentative in the Cabinet, Benjamin F, Tracy. The following were present: Hön. Benjamin F, Tracy, Hon. J. M. Rusk, Hon. W. H. H. Miller, Hon. John W. Noble, Hon. Redfield Proctor, Hon. John Wanamaker, Hon. William E, Chandler, Hon. Russell Harrison, Hon. J. R. McKee, Hon. Joseph C. Jackson, Hon. Francis W. Breed, Hon. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Walker Blaine, Hon. J. J. Belden, General J. N. Knapp, Hon. John F, Baker, General Daniel Butterfield, Secretary Halford, General George S, Batcheller, Justice Blatchford, Admiral David Porter, General Anson G, McCook, Rear-Admiral James E, Jouett, Hon. William Walter Phelps, Colonel Fred, Grant, Hon. John Sanford, Hon. A. T. Britton, Mayroyeni Bey, the Turkish Minister; Hon. Henry C, Bowen, Captain George E, Lemon, and Hon. Warner Miller. entative in the Cabinet, Benjamin F

Real Estate Transfers William S. Vernam to George M. Barker,

ot 6, block 22, "Brookland," \$562,50, F. R. Horner to George M. Barker, lot 5, block 22, "Brookland," \$725. Leighton & Pairo, trustees, to J. Wood-ruff Lewis, lot 22, block 26, "Brookland,"

Rosier Middleton to Margaret B. Hay part lot 10, square SSI, \$10.
Frank C. Severance to Edwin B. Hay, lots 13 and 14, square 151, \$3,800.
W. H. Guskins to Catherine H. Arlow, part lot 49, Peters' Square, Georgetown

810.
R. T. Arlow to W. H. Gaskins, same, \$10.
T. A. Mitchell to J. D. Hayden, sublot
14. square 957, 8800.
Mattie R. Slater to Kate G, Smith, part
lot 2, square 821, \$900. Leighton & Pairo, trustees, to Starr Parsons, lot —, block 7, "Brookland," \$450.

Charged With Perjury,

A tall girl of a light yellow complexion came out of the dock in the Criminal Court came out of the dock in the Criminal Court room in response to a call of "Florence Jewell." She is charged with perjury in having sworn during the testimony in the divorce case of Clara E. Beale against Edward M. Beale, that Mr. Beale had taken her home with him and that he had committed adultery. Evidence that Florence Jewell was in the penitentiary at that time led to the dismissal of the divorce bill and the girl was indicted for perjury. Sarah Hawkins and Edward Turpin, who swore that they saw Mr. Beale and Florence Jewell go up together. They all pleaded not guilty and were arraigned.

Representative Buchanan of New Jersey

seriously ill with pneumonia at his resi dence on East Capitol street.

Justice Matthews continues to improve, and this morning Dr. Johnson, his physician, pronounced him out of danger. He compilains of great weakness, but are a good breakfast, and if the weather is fine will go out for a short drive next week.

Mr. John S. Cirches, who has been serie. Mr. John S. Clarkson, who has been seri-ously ill at Wormley's was reported much better this morning, and hopes to leave for home in the course of ten days.

Paris, March 9.—In the Chamber Deputies to-day the Government was sup-ported in its action in allowing the Duc l'Aumale to return to France by a vote of

Not this Baggett.

John Baggett of 1803 L street denies that he was the one who was engaged in an af-fray on February 24 and who was hit in the head with a brick, the particulars of which appeared in Tun Carric on the 25th inst.

WAXEM TALKS.

THE MEMBER FROM WAYBACK EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

On the Inauguration, the Weather, the Ball, the President, the Cabinet and So Forth, in His Usual Interesting and Philosophic Manner, With Quaint Observations.

Strolling along the Avenue the first clear lay after the inauguration, THE CATTIC scribe overtook Jedge Wabash Q. Waxem, he Member from Wayback, accompanied by his wife, on a little tour of street gazing. "How do you do, Mrs. Waxem?" he said, anging alongside, "and Jedge," he con-

inued, "how are you?" "Tollable like, thank you," replied the Jedge; "How do you find yourself?" and Mrs. Waxen shook him cordially by the hand, "It's fine weather," he went on,



urposes, but I reekon that aint no usfindin' fault with Providence, nor Greely,' he added, parenthetically.

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"I reckon the ground hog is a Democrat," suggested Mrs. Waxem, pleasantly, and the Jedge nodded, but looked around cautiously to see that no one overheard his wife's undiplomatic utterance.

"What did you think of the proceedings generally, Jedge?" inquired the scribe.

"Well," he said, "thar wuz too much rain fer comfort, but it were a big thing, and showed conclusive that the fires of pattriotism that burns in every buzzum in this broad land of freedom ain't to be squinched by a spring shower. Thar wuz an inthusiism that stirred every soul, and I come mighty nigh wishin' that it wuz me bein' inoggerated, but I recken my time ain't come yit," and the statesman sighed and his wife looked upon him with pride.

"Were many of your friends in town?"

"I should say thar wuz. I couldn't step out of the house that I didn't run up agin some citizen of Wayback, and, though they had on ther Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes, and wuz puttin' in ther best licks to look like they had been raised in town, the waybackness stuck out all over them like knots on a log, and-I wasn't fooled on nary a man. Thar's somethin' about a ginuine Waybacker that is superior to circumstances, and thar aint a barber in the National Capital that can git the hayseed combed out of ther hair. They will spit tobacker on the floor and fergit to put a clean collar on every mornin' and black ther boots; and they'll talk so's people standin' round can listen to them; and try to say amusin' things to policemen and cab drivers and car conductors: and eat with ther knife; and be supprised af things they see on the street; and lift ther feet like they wux walkin' over a plowed field, and a whole lot of other eccentries that is noticeable to us livin' in town; but, young feller, they air mestly honest and sincere, and, of they aint fashionable, they air reliable, and that aint a virtue so plenty we can afford to waste it."

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Colonel McSwiggle and a whole passel of friends in a winder on the Avenue, and we tried to make it pleasant fer them."

"Was Colonel McSwiggle in town?" inquired the scribe, in some surprise.

"Yes, the Colonel come to see the show," replied the Jedge, carefully, "and to let off some of his surplus pattriotism."

"Is he going to give up the Wayback Postoffice?"

The Jedge became grave.

'Thar aint no tellin'," he said, "what
Harrison is goin' to do. Thar's a dozen
able-bodied men wantin' the Colonel's job, Harrison is goin' to do. Thar's a dozen able-bodied men wantin' the Colonel's job, and some of them is more of Harrison men than the Colonel wiz, but no more than the Colonel is now. He's a pattriot of the purest type, ready and willin' to serve his country whether under one Administration er tother, showin' that he is above the gruvveiin' lines of party. I am fer the Colonel, but I am not violent agin his opponents, fer they air friends of mine, and useful citizens, and thar aint one that wouldn't make a good Postmaster fer the wages that is paid. They air here loaded fer b'ar, and I've got to do a powerful sight of hedgin' in the next few weeks, er git plunged headlong in the vertex of disaster."

"Have you seen Mr. Harrison?"

"One't, fer a few minutes; but I had a long talk with Lije Halford, and I've got Lije solid. He used to know a cousin of the Colonel's over on the Wabash, and he says of thar is any chance fer McSwiggle, he shall have it. Harrison dian't say much. His weakness don't seem to lay in his jaw very much, no how, and I didn't git no satisfaction to speak of, except that on general principles the Chief Excentive wuz bound to pay a good deal of attention to a reppersentative man like I waz."

"Mr. Harrison aint no fool," remarked Mrs. Waxem.

"Mandy," said the Jedge, warningly, and the seribe changed the subject.

"What do you think of his finaugural?" "It's as safe as a crap of hay in the mow. It's one of the finest egsamples of hedgin' I ever seen, and I'll back Harrison agin any statesman now before the American public and give odds. He don't say a word

I ever seen, and I'll back Harrison agin any statesman now before the American public and give odds. He don't-say a word agin nobody, and he puts a poultice a foot thick on every skinned place on the body politic. A man that would find fault with Harrison's inoggeral address would speak disrespectful of the Lord's Pra'r, young feller, and—"
"Why, Bash," exclaimed Mrs. Waxem, "don't talk so; it's downright wicked!"
"Don't you worry, Mandy," he said, soothingly, "women knows a good deal more about pra'r than they do about polities."

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"Did you see the procession, Mrs. Waxem?" inquired the scribe, politely.

"Oh, yes, the Jedge and me set through it all, on a wet plank most of the time, with the rain dribblin' down our backs, but it don't happen very offen, and we didn't keer so very much. I've got a cold on my chist from it, and the Jedge is wheezin' some, but I've got a mustard plaster on him, and I reckon the wettin' sin't goin' to do us any hurt."

As they passed along the Avenue opposite Hancock's, the scribe asked the Jedge if he had been entertaining his friends.

"Sh—sh—" he replied, warningly, with a nervous look at his wife, then braced up quickly:

"Yes, some," he continued; "I tuck sever! of them up to the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and we went one night to a temperance lecture that Mandy had saw an advertisement about in the papers. They wuz all purty tired, though, and didn't seem to keer much about rummin' round."

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Mandy had on her more antique alpacker—"
"Bash Waxem, what air you talkin' about?" interrupted Mrs. W.
"That's all right, Mandy," he said; "this young feller aint no society editor, and don't know alpacker from calico, so what's the difference? Anyway, Mandy wasn't playln' second fiddle to nary woman thar in clothes, and I wuz as proud of her as she wuz of me. I couldn't git her to dance, though, so I put her in charge of Dr. Ruth, on the committee, for she sets a good deal of store by the Doctor, and I sailed out for a dance on my own book. You ongit to a secu me!"

a seen me!"

And the Jedge began to cut a pigeonwing on the pavement, but his wife restrained him.

"It waz a glorious sight," he went on,
"and it wuz a credit to the committee, the
National Capital and the entire Republic,
and showed up a spiendor that would make
the effete nations of Europe sick at the
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"No, thanks," said the scribe, "I guess I'll go on down to the Capitol. How long will you be in town yet?"

"The Lord only knows and He won't tell' replied the Jedge, throwing up his hands despairingly. "Every man in Wayback seems to want an office and they think I can't earn my wages better than by stay-in' here and leggin' fer them. I think I ought to stay, anyhow, because of I'm around I can kinder stand betwixt and between and keep the brunt off of the President. I sint anxious to see him killed in the crush. You'll see enough of me before everybody gits suited, and you needn't to worry. Mandy will go home in time to see about reddin' up the farm fer spring work of we both can't git away before the blue birds comes."

"By the way, Jedge, before I leave you, what do you think of the Cabinet?"

"Fust rate. Regular dose of soothin' surrup fer all factions. Good men, too, and most of them with reccords to make, so's they'll be keerful. Unincumbered politiciane is skeered, and they air the sefest. As I said before, Harrison is a great statesman."

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The scribe thanked the Jedge for his frankness and bidding good day to him and to his estimable lady, he went on his

PRICE OF BENEVOLENCE.

One of the Applications for Assistance Received by Senator Stanford. The fame of a rich man in this country

spreads far and near, especially if he has a penevolent streak in his nature, and impecunious and unfortunate people everywhere seem to think the rich man's good fortune is their especial prey. The mail of every notably wealthy man contains begging letters asking for assistance and financial help. Senator Leland Stanford has a widespread notoriety for benevolence and his friends say his private acts of charity of which the world does not hear are extensive. The following letter is a fair sample of the score or more of similar epistles which he receives weekly.

ALBANY, Feb. 25, 1889. Governor Stanford:

My Dran Sm: You will, no doubt, think me a crank when you receive this communication, but my necessities are such as to prompt it, and I trust to a higher power to make you see the sincerity of my act.

I am not an intemperate man, believe me. I am in debt; partly because of assistance I have been obliged to render a poor old father and partly because of necessities of my household. I am in a close position because of bills now coming due that I am imable to meet. I am proud and do not want to ask friends to assist me. I simply ask your assistance in the way of a loan of \$500 for a time. You have so much money it would be so easy for you to help me, and I assure you I will pay you back. Do not think that the world is so bad that there is not one honorable enough to do the right without the iron bands of pen, ink and paper. I will pay you again. This is truly a genuine case of where you could do vastly more than I can tell by sending me the \$500.

You would be surprised to know who I am but I promise I will fall asset and the proper in the part of the pay to the lame and the source.

"Them as I seen did. Mandy and me had Colonel McSwiggle and a whole passel of friends in a winder on the Avenue, and we is as I anticipate, which will be within a

I am aware that this is not business, but please do not confine yourself to the rule. Please let it be between only us. Let me show you that I am true.

I am a young man trying to do my duty in life. I may not use the whole \$500 before the 1st of June. I think I can return \$500 to you on that date.

I am honest in saying that I do not sign my real name, but I will be proud to give it to you if you trust me.

I cannot say why I am prompted to make this request of you.
I have read much of you—seem almost to

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knew you.

Please do not say "No" to me. Send me draft payable to Cash, giving no name on it, if you have confidence in me.

I shall hope for a favorable reply.

Earnestly wishing for your good health, I am sincerely yours,

R. Johnson. am sincerely yours, Pier, Albany, N. Y.

FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

Much Damage and Trouble in the West Country. LONDON, March 9.—Floods in the west of England have caused much damage and trouble. Trains are delayed, and in many cases it has been impossible for them to proceed for hours, passengers being obliged to sleep aboard the trains during the night. island of communication by ordinary means being cut off. The water is now slowly in the memory of the present generation.

LOCAL POLITICAL TALK.

Mr. W. Riley Deeble's name was men-tioned in this journal a day or two ago in connection with the Commissionership of ing that he would not accept any office except the Recordership, and he presumed that lucrative position, as usual, would

tendered to a colored applicant.

He jokingly remarked that he was not anxious for any official position. He preferred to attend to his legitimate business and that the newspapers would not have the privilege of criticising his acts; that his business was satisfactory. The Metropolitan Club comes to the front as usual, when Government patronage is to be disbursed in the District, and some

of its members are circulating a petition in favor of Mr. Aulick Palmer, an ex-member

District.

A delegation of colored editors and printers, headed by A. St. A. Smith, called this afternoon and presented to the President a petition in behalf of Captain William M. Meredith for Public Printer.

A committee of lifteen is to be appointed this afternoon to present to the President the petition in favor of Mr. Barnard for District Judge. Large numbers of lawyers have signed petitions in Mr. Barnard's favor, although some signatures have been withheld because of objection to the maner in which the neeting was organized. er in which the meeting was organized

Found on the Track.

LANCASTER, PA., March 9 .- The body of an infant boy was found on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, near Elizabethtown, this morning. The mother of the child is unknown. The coroner's uny rendered a verdiet that it was thrown from an express train while in motion some time last night. Will Contest Father Birch's Will.

Campbell Carrington, as counsel for Juc ton, Anna R. Showacre, have taken steps to contest the will of the Rev. Joseph S. Birch, who left a large portion of his estate to the Cardinal Archbishops.

A PANIC IN PARIS.

A Big Drep in the "Comptoir d'Es-compte" Shares.

Pants, March 9 .- Crowds surround the offices of the Comptoir d'Escompte to-day. the company's difficulties. Societe des Metaux shares are quoted to-day at 110 francs, Comptoir d'Escompte stood at 400 francs, The panic seems to be increasing. The copper panie still prevails in this city. Comptoir d'Escompte shares are quoted at 250 francs. Bull share-holders in London are unloading. The market is panicky. There has been a big drop in Comptoir

The Michigan Output.

LONDON, March 9,-The Times says if ears that the Anaconda and Calumet and Heela mines have agreed to restrict their output for two mouths, and it is believed the Rio Tinto will do the same.

The Feeling in New York. New York, March 9.—Despite excited cables from abroad this morning in referper received but little attention am metal brokers here. In the midst of the copper call on the Metal Exchange the following dispatch was received and placed on the Exchange bulletin boards. Scarcely a bid was received for the metal after the

"Rto Tinto has been up to 15, selling now at 14. It is probable that the copper syndicate is advancing prices on such mines as are now certainly paying and re-stricting the output from others." Later a London special stated that there was a copper panic at the Paris Bourse.

There was a few straggling bear bids during the half day's session on the Exchange, but no sales were effected. The few buyers of the last two days appeared to be uncertain how to move. For Lake copper 15 cents was bid and 18 asked.

THE SAMOAN TROUBLES. The Department Officials Think the

There was considerable comment this

morning in the corridors of the Navy and State Departments about the dispatch published in regard to the sinking of the U. S. steamer Nipsic by the German man-of-war The officials of the above Departments look upon the whole thing as a sensational

look upon the whole thing as a sensational story, gotten up to cause comment. Up to 12 o'clock the Departments had received nothing official, and, until they hear something to the contrary, they will regard the sinking of the Nipsic as a "fake."

Commander Mullan of the Nipsic is spoken of at the Navy Department as a man whom it would be dangerous to trifle with, and he would protect America's interest at any cost. A dispatch was received at the Navy Department this morning from California about the Samoan trouble, but Commodore Walker declined to give it out, saying it amounted to nothing and contained no news whatever. Another gentleman said the dispatch was from some "fresh fellow who wanted to go down to Samoa and capture the whole island."

Mr. Walker Blaine said the State Department had received no official information and all the Department knew was what appeared in the newspapers. "I don't believe," said he, "that there's anything in it. My opinion is the whole agitation of the stock market."

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The State Department has taken no action yet and will wait until something definite is received by the Navy Department.

A ROMANTIC STORY.

How Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Became Interested in Miss Endicott. LONDON, March 9 .- A story is now going the rounds about Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's recent woolng and marriage that may interest American readers. By a romantic played an important part in his father's marriage to Miss Endicott. The young man bad met the young lady at Washington the year before Mr. Chamberlain went there to negotiate the fisheries treaty. On his return he gave such glowing accounts of Miss Endicott that his father determined to meet the Secretary's fafully, and took an introduction from his son for this purpose The sequel is known; the spell of fascination was cast over the father as it had been over the son, and the older gentleman, per haps bolder by experience in matters of the heart, wooed and won the lady who is younger than any of his children for his

DIRECT FROM MEXICO. Arrival of the Montezuma Special This

Morning. The Montezuma special, direct from the City of Mexico, arrived in Washington this morning over the Piedmont Air Line. The train consisted of five Pullmans, vestibule

sleeping, dining and composite cars. It left the City of Mexico with fifty-two persons on board, and the through passengers came the entire distance, 3.000 miles, without changing cars. This is the long est continuous regular run for a solid train made anywhere in the railroad world. The special leaves Washington next Tuesday, the 12th, on its return trip, and will be due in the City of Mexico on

the following Sunday, Incendiaries Driven Away.

FINDLAY, OHIO, March 9.-Two firemen bserved a man acting suspiciously about the city building Thursday night and frightened him away. Upon investigating, the firemen discovered four dynamite cartridges—such as are used in blasing—in the air-holes under the building. Wires four feet long were attached to the cartridges.

Some Pretty Poor Shooting. NEW YORK, March 9 .- A special to the wick C. White and H. C. Starkey, both

popular and well-known young men, fought a duel with pistols in a secluded piace in the suburbs yesterday afternoon. After firing forty-two shots without result the principals shook hands and made friends. New York, March 9 .- Jay Gould's pr! vate car will be attached to the fast ex press which leaves Jersey City over the Pennsylvania Railroad this morning, and the Wall street magnate will be whisked away on an extended tour, taking in all the territory covered by the roads in bis South-western system.

Mil.wavene, March 9.—An official of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad

PORTLAND, Mr., March 9.-The Hon. C. W. Goddard died to-day, aged 64. He was Consul-General at Constantinople from 1861 to 1864 and postmaster at Portland from 1871 to 1884. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters.

Ex-Attorney-General Garland presented Attorney-General Miller to the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday.

CAPITOL SIGHTS.

INCIDENTS CAUGHT ON THE FLY BY A "CRITIC" CAMERA.

Characteristics of the Visitors to the Big House on the Bill-Poenlindtles Exhibited by Some of the Frequenters of the Marble Halls to the Building.

The Capitol building has for the past week acted as a huge human magnet, draw-ing daily thousands of visitors who have filled up and down the wide walks and elimbed the steps in a never-ceasing stream. Once within the building their leisurely manner is a thing of the past, and they push forward with reckless haste to obtain view of the interior of the vast dome,

whose external appearance is so majestic. The moment the swinging green doors close behind them a common impulse seems to seize them, and every chin is elevated as they wander aimlessly over the sounding payement, with heads thrown back and eyes scanning every detail of the wonderful structure above them. Now and then, as straying couples softly bump into each other, owing to this lack of eyes for objects on the terrestrial surface, and murmured apologies are interchanged in subplace without for an instant detracting the gaze from the decorations overhead.

After the closest scrutiny of every detail of the overhauging arch, the visitor



gradually becomes conscious of other ob-jects directly about him, and notes for the first time the sharp accent of the guide's explanatory remarks, as he points out to the rural visitor the freesco of Pecahontas with fore-shortened legs, or Columbus com-ing down the gang-way of the Pinta, or any one of the thousand and one other charac-ters from history that deck the walls.

Then if he enjoys the noblest study of mankind he is apt to sit for awhile and watch the external evidence of other peo-ple's emotion on first entering that yast, si-

ple's emotion on first entering that vast, si-ent dome.

lent dome.

Either the vastness of the structure awes the visitors into conversing in whispers, or the full volume of their voices is lost in that great empty inclosure.

At all events no complete and rounded sounds are heard, but one hears only broken fragments, ghostly whisperings from the galleries above, and the confused and intermingled sounds of numberless feet on the tessellated payement.

The wanderer gradually becomes used to even the unusual emotions inspired by the

even the unusual emotions inspired by the eigh retunda and drifts out and down the high rotunda and drifts out and down the hall in the wake of parties who have guides, until Statuary Hall is reached. There the atmosphere is entirely different, for the av-erage visitor regards this place as a huge joke and has no feeling stronger than curi-osity; even the masterly sculptures about the walls, figures of statesmen, patriots and soldiers, whom the country will long have

much more interesting appearance.

Who Said So? If a stranger could be conducted to this

Who Said So?

If a stranger could be conducted to this hall without any preparatory description of its wonderful characteristics—the strongly-developed echo—he would undoubtedly think that he had run across the most promising ward of a lunatic asylum that was doing a rushing business.

Everywhere about the pavenucut, standing with conscientious exactitude upon some particular square, are figures whose expression varies from that of child-like pleasure at the gratilication of curiosity to that of far-away abstraction.

They all look very self-conscious, and stand in varying degrees of stiffness. They are all listening intently to the voice of the guide, who stands upon some far-away block that is in direct communication with theirs by a sort of aerial telephone.

In various out-of-the-way nooks about the hall are pillars of a basalile hue, whose massive strength supports the arched roof overhead. Between each of these and the wall is a narrow, open space serving as a conductor or channel for the voice and carrying its articulation to various parts of the hall. One day this week one of the Pennsylvania soldlery, who achieved such renown during their visit here, stood at one of these pillars with his car bent toward the narrow aperture. An eager, questioning look was upon his face as he strained every faculty to distinguish the confused muriner of sound. Suddenly his face broadened into a smile of simple, child-like pleasure as if his vanity had been stroked the way of its fur, and turning to the pillar he said: "Who—says I'm a Pennsylvania bum from Battery D?"



stream of humanity, pausing just an instant at the latter place to review its grandeur, but without that first feeling of awe-struck reverence. Then leaving the rotuda a part of the stream filters out by a narrow side passage and starts on the painfully laborious ascent toward the upper galleries and the summit of the dome itself, while the rest keep on through the little crypt, where, by the way, one or more coupies at on the raised edge of the vault below, and, leaning back against the massive pillers, give themselves up to the sweet delights of youth. This couple is always there. People who were familiar with the place a dozen

FULL LIST OF ENTRIES FOR THE

The Number Somewhat Less Than Last Year, But the Quality is as

For two-year-olds, twenty-two nominations: Winston, Tom Finley, Lisimony,
Jersey Pat, Tennessean, bl. f. by Vassai-Maria, bl. f. by Billet-Miss
Aunic, Bavarian, Little Ella, bl.
c. by Vocalic-Frances L. Daly,
Rosemont, Masterlode, Minnie Russell,
Queenstown, Insight, Constellation, Major Tom, b. c. by Longfellow-Insignia,
b. c. by Powhattan-Lady Jane, b. c. by
Ten Broeck-Belle of Nantura, b. c. by
by Leonatus-Martina. YOUTHFUL STAKES.

regularity, as to almost become a feature of interest.

A little beyond the crypt lies the office of the Supreme Court. Its low-browed, pillared portal invariably attracts the visitor, and unless accompanied by a guide he pauses and peers in with cautious air, and then, as if startled by his own temerity, hurries away down the resounding hall trying to look self-possessed and destitute of curlosity.

Far up in the cast wing lies the Senate Chamber, and here the visitor gazes long and silently at the place and surroundings of the men who form the mind of the nation and do her thinking for her.

In most public places the chatter of visitors is a thing that delights a lover of his kind, but this is not at all noticeable at the Capitol. To be sure now and then one For two-year olds, twenty nominations: Winston, Tom Finley, Alarm Belle, bl. f. by Vassal-Maria, Lisimony, Jersey Pet, b. f. by Billet-Miss Annie, Bowdoin, Little Ella, b. c. by Kingfisher-Geneva, Rosemont, Masteriode, Minnie Russell, Queenstown, Insight, Constellation, b. c. by Lonfellow-Insignia, b. c. by Powhattan-Lady Jane, b, c, by Ten Broeck-Belle of Montana, b c. by Leonatus-Martina.

For three-year-olds, twenty nominations: Servia, Louise, Winfield, Seadrift, Lannes, Tipstaff, Little Juke, Roma, Sourire, Clar-Issa, Carroll, Duplicity, Iago, The Don, Reply, ch. c. by King Alfonso-Invercauld, J. A. B., Buddhist, Tom Vaughan and

his kind, but this is not at all noticeable at the Capitol. To be sure now and then one overhears the inevitable woman telling her friend how much butter she put in hers, or a couple of giddy town girls chatting with a young and good-looking guide, on whom a familiarity with the Nation's halls has bred a decided contempt, and they chew their gum and discuss with volubility the last party they "were to," but on the whole the crowd is serious, interested and observant. Servia, Village Maid, Winfield, Seadriff, Lannes, Passport, Carroll, Dahlia, The Don, Reply, cb. c. by King Alfonso-Invercauld, J. A. B., Reporter, Tom Vaughan. observant.
On the floors above the warm bright tints of floor and ceiling are a new and never ending delight to the visitor, and from the constant references to "Moorish arches" and oriental styles of decoration one would fancy that every individual making up the tide of humanity that ebbs and flows through the brilliant halls was either extremely familiar with Eastern decorations. CONGRESSIONAL HANDICAP.

extremely familiar with Eastern deco-rative styles or else the happy possessor of a castle in Spain. CAPTAIN ERICSSON'S REMAINS. The Funeral Will Take Place on Mon-

youth. This couple is always there. Proper who were familiar with the place a dozen years ago speak of seeing them then, and although it is just possible that it's not the same couple now, yet there is a couple there on all occasions, with such unfailing

The Fascinating Guide,

day Morning Next.
New York, March 9.—The embalming of the body of Captain John Ericsson was begun to-day, and will be completed this afternoon. The funeral sorvices will take place in Trinity Church on Monday morning. The remains will be temporarily deposited in a receiving vault until the wishes of his relatives in Sweden are known. His oody will probably find its last resting place

in his native country.

Chickehominy, La Claire, Bordelalse, Troy, Brait, Firefly, Sparling, Little Jake, Confessed They Were "Shamming." Pittsnung, March 9.—Twenty-four of the alleged "crazy orphans" at McAllisterville, Pa., have confessed that they were shamming. They completely fooled many doctors in that part of the State by their queer anties. The boys say that they only wanted to have some fun and get their Jake Shipsey, Elphin, Euleure, Will Davis, ments brought to them. A report on the matter is now made public. The school where the boys were is said to be first-class, in spite of talk to the contrary at the time the boys' antics were given notice by the

Shot Dead in His Home.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 9.-While sit-

ting at his fireside with his wife, about 10 o'clock Thursday, A. W. Busby, a promio'clock Thursday, A. W. Busby, a promi-nent citizen of Gate City, Ala., was shot dead by some one at his window. The bullet entered his temple, killing him in-stantly. While'n this city yesterday he had a dispute with a man by the name of Grant over some business transaction, and it is said Grant made threats. An armed posse have gone after Grant.

Wanasu, Nen., March 9.-The general merchandise store of Jacobs & Horton, the News printing office, Smith's billiard hall and the town ball were burned Thursday night. While the fire was in progress burglars were discovered attempting to open George Fowle's safe, but they escaped. It is believed that they started the confla-gration. Loss, \$30,000.

An Epidemic of Diphtheria. of diphtheria has prevailed here since November, and about 100 deaths from it have occurred in a population of 2,000, the ayerage having been five deaths a week. The

ARNER TAYLOR, Chicago, and Bruce Price Cw York, are at Chamberlin's.

M. J. Scholle and wife and Clarence coolly New York city, are at Welcker's. Mr. ASD Mus. Frank C. Holles, New York, and W. E. Barrott, Boston, are at Worm-SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TRACY and Secretary of the Treasury Windom have take apartments at the Arno for the season. 963 952 96 93 96 952

W. A. Annerson, Reading Pa.; Morris Green, New York; J. F. Tront, Chicago, Ill., and J. E. Hudson, Ogden, Utah, are at the National. J. S. Wenas, Biaghamton, N. Y.; O. Guthrio, Chicago; J. M. Sanders, Helena, Montana, and Fred W. Ide, Philadelphia, are at the Biggs House, E. A. B.; S. W.

Higgs House.

E. A. Bires, New York; H. C. Wood, Estillville, Va. M. J. Riggs, Tolesko, Ohio, and
George W. Powell, Indianapolis, Ind., are at
the Metropolitan.

J. W. Kriir, and Wife, New York; R. G.
Wheoler, Terre Haute, Ind.; J. Binekford,
Borhester, N. Y., and Frank Bigger, Chleago,
are at the Howard House.

JAKES H. Fisa, J. W. Morrisey, J. B. Powell
and C. H. Bishop, New York; F. Feshler, New
Brinswick, N. J. J. M. Hice, Chleago, and W.
J. Sawell, New Jersey, are at Williard's.

A panny of North Carolina offlice seekers arrived this morrhing and registered at the Elbitt. They are applicants for collectors, district attorneys, Unifod States marshals, etc.
Honace Segme, Indianapolis; W. H. Powell.

Mr. AND Mis. R. L. Kinny. Chleago; Mrs. J. S. Welsh, St. Louis, Mo.; Stevenson Barke, Cleveland; Clarence De Witt, Portland, Me.; Joseph L. Fairchild, Buffalo, N. Y., and Ash-ley Pond, Detroit, are at the Arlington.

SPRING RACING

Good, if Not Better-Work Already Begun on the Track at Ivy City-The entries for the Spring Stakes to be run at the Ivy City meeting, beginning April 24, have been received. They show

a slight falling off in numbers, but an improvement in quality. Work began at the track on Wednesday. The Ivy City track is about the only one in the country where any work is being done. The stables are being put in condition and accommodations are being increased. It is expected that about 400 horses will be present at the meeting. The stake entries follow:

Pelham. RIGGS HOUSE STYKES. For 3-year-olds, fourteen nominations:

For all ages, thirty-three nominations: Servia, Louise, St. Swithiu, Bordelaise, Troy, King Idle, Sam Harper, jr., Salvini, Frog, King tute, Sam Harper, Fr., Salvini, Firefly, Sparling, Little Jake, Patrocles, Bess, Maidenhair, Swift, Telle Doe, Biggonet, Brouzemarte, Duplicity, Grey Down, Longdale, Iago, Panama, Young Duke, Blessed, Dofaulter, Buddhist, The Don, ch. c. by King Alfonso-Invercauld, Boaz, Burch, Bob Fisher.

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For all ages, twenty-two nominations: St. Swithin, Bordelaise, Troy, Barrister,
King Idle, Favor, Voeburg, Salvini, Oriflamme, Frank Ward, Swift,
Telle Doe, Bronzomarte, Grey Down, Defaulter, Buddhist, The Don, ch. c. by King
Alfonso-Invercauld, Boaz, Burch, Judga
Murray, Bob Fisher. ARMY AND NAVY STAKES. For all ages, twenty-five nominations:

Patrocles, Sourire, Vandergrift, Biggonet, Bay Archer, McLaughlin, Little Barefoot, Vallant, Duplicity, Panama, Letretta, Young Duke, Blessed, Brown Charlie, De-faulter, Boaz, Burch. Ten nominations: Killarney, Hercules,

Jim McGowan, Mentmore and Bob Miles.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. NEW YORK, March 9.-The Stock Market this morning was affected indirectly by the panic in the Paris Bourse, in connection with the pending collapse of the copper syndicate. Speculators in both London and Boston were compelled to market some of their stocks to make good the losses

suffered by the copper market. This selling, together with an unfavorable bank statement showing a loss in the reserves of \$3,722,250, caused prices to dereserves of 83,322,290, caused prices to de-cline almost uninterruptedly throughout the morning. The market closed with a semi-panicky feeling at ½ to 2 per cent. be-low yesterlay's prices. The sales amounted to 210,000.

The following are the prices of the New York and Chicago markets as reported by special wire to C. T. Havenner & Co., 631 F street northwest: O. 2.30 Can, Pacific, Northwe Can, South, 535 525 Omaha

The Chicago Market. 904 May 12 024 12 00 934 June ... 12 20 12 074 864 July 12 30 13 15 357 B52 May 6.95 6.96 351 351 fune 7.05 6.95 901 36 July 7.02 7.00

Washington Stock Exchange.

Miscellaneous Bonds—W. & G. R. R.
Co., 108; Masonic Hall Ass'm, 196; Wash,
Market Co., 116; Wash, Light Infantry, 1st,
100; Wash, Light Infantry, 2d, 60; Wash,
Gas Light Co., 1212; Wash, Gas Scrip, 1221.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Wash,
310; Bank of Republic, 175; Metropolitan,
210; Central, 210; Second, 150; Farmeral
and Mechanics', 105; Citizens', 125; Columbia, 1304.

ia, 139).

Railroad Stocks—Washington & George-own, 221; Metropolitan, 114; Columbia, 30; ap. & North O st., 28.

Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 40;; Frank-n, 40; Metropolitan, 75; National Union, 9; Arlington, 167; Corecran, 62; Columbia bly German-American, 188; Potomac, 85; 1828, 75.

ngton Gas, 411; Georgetown Gas, 46; U., Electric Light 62.

mac, 769.

Miscellaneous Stocks—Weshington Mar-ket Co., 164; Washington Brick Machina Co., 200; National Press Brick Co., —; Great Falls Lee Co., 155; Bull Run Pano-rama Co., 245; Real Estate Title Insurance Co., 16; National Safe Deposit Co., 240; American Graphophone Co., 24; Columbia Title Insurance Company, 53,

Local Weather Indications. Fair; slightly cooler; northwesterly winds.